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# Connections

**ST. JOSEPH**  
Chamber of Commerce

## The President's Perspective

Maybe it is seeing the light at the end of the tunnel of a two-year pandemic, signs of spring in the air or lots of new leadership, but I am feeling very optimistic about the future today. So, in this newsletter article I wanted to share a list of a few things I am feeling optimistic about for the future of St Joseph:

### Workforce Programs

Workforce continues to be a challenge for most communities across the country, but I must say the expansion project at Hillyard (thanks to partnerships between the St. Joseph School District, City and County and the Convergent Technology Alliance Center "CTAC," a joint venture between Missouri Western and North Central) is certainly something to be excited about. These projects will allow us to work with industry to design courses for real time training, such as manufacturing, industrial and construction technology, robotics and diesel mechanics just to name a few.

### Parks Tax/ Downtown

In today's world, to be successful in economic development you have to create a place where people want to live, hence, a place companies can grow. Investing in amenities continues to be an important conversation. Passing the park tax was a great step in the right direction. The new hike and bike trails are already getting buzz from Kansas City and Omaha. Let's make St Joseph the cool weekend getaway!

Along with that also comes a thriving downtown. Live music

starts again soon and will be every weekend downtown from May through October. Great new restaurants and stores keep popping up along with our long-term staples. If you haven't been downtown in a while, take some time and go have a tea at Alchemy Tea Co, brunch at Seventh Street Café or a beer at Angry Swede or River Bluff.



Natalie Redmond  
President & CEO

### Beautify St Joseph

Beautify St. Joseph is a community volunteer group created to clean up our little corner of the world. The group organizes neighborhood clean-up events on Saturday mornings throughout the community. In its first event, volunteers from the UMKC School of Medicine at Mosaic Life Care, Missouri Western State University and the community filled 50 bags of litter from both sides of St. Joseph Avenue, from Main Street to Middleton. Search BEAUTIFY St. Joseph: Community Interest Group on Facebook for more information.

I am excited to work with the newly elected officials and the new leaders across the city, as well as the ones who have been doing the work for all these years. We still have a lot to do, but there are some great things happening in our corner of the world, St Joseph, Missouri!

## NEW MEMBERS

*The following businesses and individuals have been approved for membership in the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce:*

### NVision Wealth

Ryan Hook  
3901 Oakland Ave. (06)  
(816) 351-2166  
ryan.hook@nvision-wealth.com

### Financial Services

### River Ridge Improvements

Dave Kruse  
1202 Faraon St. (01)  
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dave@rrimprovements.net  
www.riverridgeimprovements.com

### Home Improvements

### Timber Ridge Farm

Ernestina Stanley  
14618 State Highway K,  
Amazonia, MO 64421  
(816) 244-8820  
ernestina@timberidgeec.com  
www.timberidgeec.com

### Event Centers/Special Events

### Image Salon & Day Spa

Ed Sternberg  
1504 N. 36th St. (06)  
(816) 232-9443  
firemaned@yahoo.com

### Beauty Salons & Services

### Sack's Ice Cream Mobile Truck

Marcena Carter  
1125 Charles St. (01)  
(661) 609-4709  
marcenajane@icloud.com

### Ice Creams & Frozen Desserts

### St. Joseph Southside Sertoma Club

Donald Miller  
P.O. Box 8586 (08)  
(816) 390-4740  
don.m7@live.com  
www.sertoma.org

### Service Organizations

### The Metropolitan

Claire Clark  
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(816) 290-7638  
info@metstjoe.com  
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### Event Centers/Special Events

### Bluebird Network

Mike Harris  
4215 Philips Farm Road,  
Columbia, MO 65201  
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shirette.stockdall@bluebirdnetwork.com  
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### Telecommunications

### C&C Group

Luke Gibson  
10012 Darnell St., Lenexa, KS 66216  
(913) 888-6200  
lgibson@c-cgroup.com  
www.c-cgroup.com

### Security

### Top Property Realty, LLC

Lorena Frank  
3500 N. Village Drive Ste. 207 (06)  
(816) 294-3357  
lorenastoproperty@gmail.com  
www.toppropertyrealty.com

### Real Estate (Associate)

### St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District

Christy George  
111 S. Seventh St. (01)  
(816) 259-6852  
st.josephdowntown@gmail.com  
www.downtownstjoe.com

### Community Organizations

### The Hallows, LLC

Karen Hand  
619 S. 13th St. (01)  
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### Hotels/Motels

### Preferred Community Center

Dawn Cooperider  
14375 U.S. 71 Business  
(816) 279-2000  
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www.preferredcommunitycenter.com

### Event Centers/Special Events

### Omnium-A Division of Winfield United

Charles Shock  
1417 S.W. Lower Lake Road (04)  
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cshock@landolakes.com  
omniummanufacturing.com

### Manufacturers

### Lance Davis Attorney

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### Attorneys



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chamber@saintjoseph.com

# May Calendar

For more information, call 816/232-4461. **CREDIT CARD RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE**, [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)

All members, employees and guests are invited to attend events. Call the Chamber for any dietary needs. Reservations must be cancelled 24 hours in advance to avoid charges. See COVID-19 event guidelines at [saintjoseph.com](http://saintjoseph.com)

**4, 18, 12, 26** **Circle of Influence** **May 4 & 18 and May 12 & 26**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Guests Free**  
Circle of Influence is a leads group composed of small business professionals looking to exchange direct client referrals and leads. The group also provides a forum for the discussion of issues which businesses commonly encounter. Only one member per profession/speciality in each group is allowed. Cost is \$100 to join. There are two groups, one that meets the first and third Wednesdays and another that meets the second and fourth Thursdays. (Holidays affect this schedule.) Contact Tony Luke for more information, [luke@saintjoseph.com](mailto:luke@saintjoseph.com) or (816) 364-4101. Meetings held at Stoney Creek Hotel & Conference Center, 1201 Woodbine.

**5** **Small Business Owner Roundtable** **Thursday, May 5**  
**9 a.m., Free**  
The Membership Council will host a new roundtable discussion series for small business owners only on the first Thursday of each month. In person or via Zoom, meet with Board Member and Membership Chair Amy Ryan of Commerce Bank and Membership Council Member Annette Weeks, of the Center for Entrepreneurship, and other small business owners. This month the topic will be social media/marketing.  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
3003 Frederick Ave. or  
register for Zoom link

**10** **Lunch & Learn Seminar** *Lunch by Rib Crib* **Tuesday, May 10**  
**11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10**  
Presented by Butchart Flowers Inc. & Greenhouse  
"6 'Kick Booty Tips to Help Any Business Dominate Social Media"  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
3003 Frederick Ave.  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461  
or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)  
Learn tips and tactics to help your business master all of the popular social media channels such as Facebook, LinkedIn, TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat. Burton Kelso, Chief Technology Expert at Integral, TV personality and public speaker, will lead the discussion.

**10-17** **Restaurant Week** **May 10-17**  
Presented by John Joe Insurance  
Foodies are invited to savor and save on new dining options or tried and true favorites during St. Joseph's third annual Restaurant Week, coordinated by the Chamber and Joe Town Fun. Enjoy food specials and exclusive menus. To see which restaurants are participating and what specials will be offered visit [STJrestaurantweek.com](http://STJrestaurantweek.com).

**12** **DIPLOMATS CLUB Breakfast** **Thursday, May 12**  
**7:15 to 8:30 a.m., \$7**  
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc., John Joe Insurance & On the Top Search  
Breakfast provided  
Altec Industries, Inc.  
2106 S. Riverside Road  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461 or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)  
The Diplomats Club is a fun group that provides opportunities to promote your business and serve as a link between the Chamber and the community. Join them for their monthly meeting!

**12** **Parties on the Parkway** **Thursday, May 12**  
**5 to 8 p.m., Free**  
Presented by Nodaway Valley Bank  
SW Parkway and King Hill Drive  
It's the first Parties on the Parkway of the year! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and spread out along the Parkway while listening to some great local music. The band will be Under the Influence. Come help them celebrate 30 years as a band! Food and drink vendors available, no coolers allowed. Bring friends, family and pets and enjoy the beautiful parkway.

**24** **Women's Leadership Group** **Tuesday, May 24**  
**4 to 5 p.m., Free**  
Presented by Human Resource Management Association of Northwest Missouri  
Fredrick Inn, 1627 Frederick Ave.  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED:  
816/232-4461 or [www.saintjoseph.com](http://www.saintjoseph.com)  
Each month the Chamber and Northwest Missouri State University's Small Business Development Center bring business topics to light that are important to women, but sometimes we have a little fun and support a woman-owned business. This month we'll have a social at Fredrick Inn.

**26** **BUSINESS after HOURS** **Thursday, May 26**  
**5 to 7 p.m., Free**  
Presented by Altec Industries, Inc.  
Room 108  
722 Felix St.  
Head downtown and visit the rooftop at Room 108 at this Business After Hours. Bring your business cards and come meet your next potential client at this event with a pretty view of Felix Street Square. It's free and you can bring a guest. Don't miss this opportunity.

Know a business that should be a Chamber member?

Ask them to join today!

Send them to our website:

[saintjoseph.com/join](http://saintjoseph.com/join)